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## H-SC Volunteers Share Their Debate Experiences

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All around the country, television sets were tuned in to watch the first and only Vice Presidential Debate, staged here in our own quaint town

of Farmville. This debate was a big draw not only for Longwood University but for Hampden-Sydney and Prince Edward County, as well. When Longwood was initially chosen, a few Hampden-Sydney staff members—Ms. Shaunna Hunter, Ms. Ellen Masters, and Ms. Maryska Connolly—

Brown—and one Hampden-Sydney student—Aaron Dawley '18—applied to serve as volunteers for the debate. All of them were accepted and I was fortunate enough to sit down with Dawley and Hunter to talk with them about their experiences at the debate.

Hunter worked the debate Sun-

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*The Media Center at Longwood University the day of the debate (Photo by Kaitlin Owens)*

## One-on-One with Chris Stirewalt '97

Max Dash '18  
Editor-in-Chief

Homecoming came early for Chris Stirewalt '97—digital content editor for Fox News Channel and co-host of *I'll Tell You What* (Sundays at 5pm/et)—who was in town earlier this week covering the 2016 Vice Presidential Debate.

Farmville was the center of the political universe on Tuesday, receiving glowing remarks from the likes of Shepard Smith. "Everyone listening to my voice right now needs to visit Farmville, Virginia," Smith said on air.

A few hours before the debate Stirewalt was kind enough to take a break from talking politics, and talk to the *Tiger* about what really mattered: Farmville, Virginia, and Hampden-Sydney College.

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*Stirewalt (Courtesy of Jessica Jensen)*

## Shake-Ups for Hampden-Sydney Police Force

Traylor Nichols '17  
Associate Editor

The Hampden-Sydney Department of Public Safety and Police has seen a few administrative changes this semester. On September 30th, Deputy Chief Jeff Gee took over

as Acting Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police in the place of Chief Scotty Williams '91, who recently left the College. Additionally, Officer Thomas Travis left after a sixteen-year career at the College.

Chief Williams took over for Interim Chief Douglas Mooney in February 2016. Williams has stated that over the past eight months, he "en-

joyed being chief." He also says that he was able to do "lots of good things" with the police department. Together, he says, they were able to work on accreditations, update out of date manuals for our officers, work on crime certifications, as well as being a proactive department in general. Williams also noted that the department was able to update their expired bullet proof

vests. He stated that he loves Hampden-Sydney, and wants to come back.

Dr. Dennis Stevens, Provost, was unable to give a statement because Chief Williams' leaving was a personnel matter. Stevens did not give any statements about Williams' performance. He states that the College will soon conduct a search for a permanent chief, adding that

any officer currently on Hampden-Sydney's Police force may apply.

Dr. Stevens was, however, able to discuss the situation regarding the departure of Officer Travis. He says that Officer Travis was offered and accepted a position at Richard Bland College. Stevens says that the College has already advertised for the position and they hope to hire a replacement

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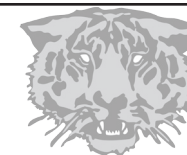
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## GORUCK Light Challenge: A Not-So-Light Undertaking

*Griffin Salyer '19  
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This past weekend, GORUCK, which has started to become a tradition at Hampden-Sydney, showed up with “Big Daddy” to break some of us down and teach teamwork and leadership. This year’s challenge included 19 people who were ready to get an intense workout carrying bricks and push their limits throughout campus for almost six hours.

The instructor, John “Big Dad-

dy” or “BD,” taught us many lessons about leadership and teamwork during our long day. We learned to pay attention to details and that teamwork truly breeds success. His hard hitting saying of “cool breeds cool” showed each of us the strength behind keeping calm and collected in a stressful environment. After our several dips in Lake Chalgrove and Lake Mayes, we quickly learned the importance of paying attention to details and communication as a team. After carrying at least four bricks and several hundred pounds of assorted “contaminated material” throughout the campus,

we all learned very quickly the meaning of tired. We pushed our bodies, learned about the United States’ fight in Mogadishu, Somalia, and literally carried each other home in what was a spectacular day of challenge.

Overall, this past Saturday taught those involved important life skills through hard work, pushing physical limits, and relying on the values of brotherhood at a fundamental, wet, and muddy level. Thanks to the instruction of BD and the opportunity provided by our college, a lucky 19 of us got to experience something fun, sucky, and memorable.



*“Big Daddy” instructs his pupils in Lake Mayes at last weekend’s GORUCK event (Photo by Drew Dickerson)*

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# EDITORIALS

## Fines and Fires: Too Much Confusion, Too Few Answers

Wes Kuegler '18  
Staff Writer

It's been announced in emails, on printed sheets placed in rooms before move-in, and on television screens across campus: as of the Fall 2016 semester, Hampden-Sydney College will no longer issue warnings for fire safety code violations, and first-time offenses will be met with fines.

When asked about the reasoning behind the new policy, Chuck Ironmonger, the school's Fire Safety Supervisor, said simply that "it was an administrative decision to try to help the students get in compliance... Compliance is a problem, and a lot of the students try to hide their violations... They don't grasp the potential danger."

While there are no doubt students who disregard the fire code and try to hide their violations, the Key's section on Fire Safety (Appendix I: Housing Regulations, Section 4) is neither clear nor comprehensive. One particularly noteworthy example of such unclear regulations—one that I myself found relevant—is as follows: "Each student may hang one exposed 2' x 3' paper poster on the wall of their bedroom unprotected. There is no restriction on metal signs." Though initially that section may seem perfectly clear, it does not cover all possibilities. For example, it makes no mention of the number of unprotected posters that can be hung in living rooms or hallways (such as in the Blake or Alphabet apartments, or in fraternity housing). Further, it does not lay out the rules regarding wall decorations other than posters and metal signs—what about canvas and felt?

The problem is exacerbated by the fact that the Resident Advisors (RAs), to whom the student body is supposed to go with questions about the

fire code, aren't always able to clarify the rules accurately. I asked three senior RAs about the number of posters I could hang in my living room, and none of them were certain as to the correct answer; neither could my RA tell me the rules regarding canvas wall decorations. Only by calling and asking Mr. Ironmonger directly was I able to learn that students can, in fact, hang two unprotected posters in their living rooms, and that canvas decorations on wooden frames, along with felt banners such as those sold in the Campus Store, are considered "freebies" in that they do not need to be protected behind glass or Plexiglas. Of course, because the Key itself is unclear, our RAs cannot truly be faulted for their uncertainty.

**"Therein lies the problem with Hampden-Sydney's latest fire safety policy. The rules can be either loosely worded or strictly enforced, but not both."**

The Key is also insufficient with respect to its wording. For example, the fire safety section makes references to "combustible materials" or "flammable materials," which are prohibited in student living areas and within twenty-five feet of the school-provided fire pits, respectively. But what materials qualify as "combustible" or "flammable?" Perhaps those questions might delve too much into semantics, but semantics are crucial when rules are to be enforced strictly. Therein

lies the problem with Hampden-Sydney's latest fire safety policy. The rules can be either loosely worded or strictly enforced, but not both.

It should certainly be noted, despite all of the above, that the Fire Safety Department and Mr. Ironmonger, with whom I've spoken on several

occasions are accessible and fair. They will perform courtesy inspections for free, and without issuing fines. When questioned about the clarity of the fire code, Mr. Ironmonger replied "Can everything be improved? Probably. If there are suggestions, we are always open to those as well... We can absolutely edit the Key." He then asked for any suggestions I had to improve the fire code. If any other students take issue with parts of the fire code, they should certainly

bring their concerns to Mr. Ironmonger's attention, as he is almost certain to provide a satisfactory resolution.

As Hampden-Sydney's fire safety code is not semantically foolproof, it cannot be so strictly enforced as it currently is. The Fire Safety Department owes it to the student body either to return to issuing warnings, or revise the code. Perhaps this revision could be achieved with the aid of someone with legal expertise, as the

code is, for all intents and purposes, a law for the students. However, the student body also has a responsibility to attempt to follow the rules. If a student has questions, he should still ask his RA; they do have fire

safety training. If the RA can't provide an answer, the student should try to reach out to Mr. Ironmonger. By communicating and working together, we can keep this campus safe from fires and its students safe from fines.

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*The Hampden-Sydney Tiger*



# Mold and Mildew Make Morton Miserable

*Hank Hollingshead '19*  
Guest Contributor

After a hot, damp summer like the one we just had, it's hardly surprising that there is a mold problem on campus. Students and faculty alike are noticing signs of fungal growth in dorms and academic buildings. So how bad is this problem, and what's being done to stop it?

Several students have reported seeing occasional patches of mold growing on the ceilings in their rooms and hallways. Mold and water damage have been reported mostly around vents and AC units, where the condensation is most likely to form. One Cushing Hall resident, George Carter '20, said, "There are bubbles in the ceiling by the AC unit, and it looks like it's gonna fall in. We don't have problems with the mold yet, though." However, Carter also said that since

moving in, both he and his roommate have experienced brief illnesses, including nausea, coughing and congestion, all of which might well have been caused by certain indoor molds.

The buildings that seem to have it the worst are Morton and Bagby halls. In Morton, the most notable cases are generally found in the basement, where the risk of water damage is much higher. According to Dr. Elizabeth Deis, the writing center has been known to flood during periods of heavy rain, due to the drain just outside the back door becoming blocked by grass and leaves washed onto it by the downpours. The carpets are cleaned after every incident, but the damage is irreversible. In Dr. Deis's previous office, water used to leak through the cinderblocks that made up the majority of the wall. She also said that several of her books' covers and pages have been warped by the damage. The cooling unit in Dr. Lowell Frye's office, also located in the writing center, had leaked for

a while, but fortunately Buildings and Grounds have repaired it. Dr. Verna Kale said, "[The mold] ruined a vintage ceramic Christmas tree I left in my office over break. It was a family heirloom." She also said that since she started spending less time in her office, she has had fewer migraines. Professors in most buildings have had to deploy dehumidifiers to keep the moisture down. Dr. Marc Hight, also located in Morton, had to have one set up the first year he got his office, and is still using it over a decade later.

In Bagby Hall, Dr. Dirk Johnson, Dr. Renee Severin, Dr. Julia Palmer and Dr. Daniel Mossler all report water damage around their air conditioning systems. Over the summer, the mold had free rein to flourish in all that dampness. According to Dr. Severin, two weeks before classes began, when she got back to her office, the whole place "reeked of mold." Dr. Mossler has lost an armchair and several photographs to mold. He said that, up through the year before, the Xerox

machine had been used in the room above his second floor office, and the heat it produced caused the water pipes in the building to sweat condensation, which in turn caused water damage and mold growth. Dr. Johnson in particular noticed issues with the humidity, including damage to his walls and personal belongings. "I've had to take my valuable books home," he stated. "It's been a long ongoing issue."

But has this problem really been ignored all these years? Absolutely not. Dr. Palmer says that the B&G workers have responded well to the issue, sending workers to replace ceiling tiles that were damaged by mold. "They're starting to get it," Dr. Johnson said. "It hasn't been as bad lately."

John Pregelaman, head of Buildings and Grounds, explained the processes used to combat the growth. The process is executed over the summer. First, the building is cleared, and then a "fogger bomb" is deployed, which utilizes the disinfectant vital oxide to eradicate about 99% of the

mold. Finally, an electrostatic coating is applied as a preventive measure.

One of the main reasons that Bagby has such a bad mold system is that it's on a two pipe system, rather than a four pipe system, like some of the newer buildings. That means that only one pipe is used for hot water, and one for cold. This causes increased condensation, adding to the problem. In Morton, the issue was the cooling tower. It had a motor malfunction on two different occasions over the summer. This caused leaks in the system. B&G repaired it both times.

B&G have about 90 members total, and only the custodial staff is trained to use the cleaning equipment. With the number of buildings on campus, it's not surprising that there will be complaints. As Dr. Frye so aptly put it, "These are old buildings, and you have to take care of them." B&G has a lot on their plate in maintaining various century-old buildings. The key to their work is that they "want to make sure it's right," said Pregelaman.

## Professor's Corner: Dr. Robert Irons '00

*Jacob Mitchell '19*  
Guest Contributor

Relatively new to the campus as a professor, Dr. Irons graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 2000. He is currently in his third year as Assistant Professor of Classics. He considers Lexington and Charlottesville his "dual hometowns" and he received his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. When the weather permits, he can almost always be found holding office hours and talking to students on the front porch of Maples. I had the wonderful opportunity to sit down with Dr. Irons on the front porch of Maples and get to know him better.

**JACOB MITCHELL:** Did you ever dream, while you were a student, that you would one day return to Hampden-Sydney as a professor?

**DR. IRONS:** Absolutely not. I thought of that as often as I thought about swimming to Greece under water because neither one of these things occurred to me as being with-

in the realm of possibility. I never thought about coming back here.

**JM:** What is most memorable from your time as a student at Hampden-Sydney?

**RI:** It would be nice to have some great story, but really it was the classes and the professors that I most remember. I can recall everything we did throughout the course of the semester. I can recreate the syllabus and I can remember lots of different moments in class. Not only is that what I most remember; it's the only thing I remember. I have strangely no memory of anything outside of class besides the Philosophy Club and UPLS.

**JM:** How have you enjoyed your time at H-SC so far?

**RI:** I've enjoyed it immensely. It's such a pleasure to teach here. The students, I think, really make it particularly special. Hampden-Sydney students are, in many ways, unique and I enjoy the type of teaching that is fitting for the students.

**JM:** What drew you to the Classics?

**RI:** This is going to seem absolutely ridiculous, but what really drew me

to Classics was that it was the most practical thing I could study. And the reason it was the most practical is that everything that I was learning had a direct and a deep impact on my life, whether it was shaping the way I thought, the way I acted, my understanding of the people around me, just the wider world around me. It affected every aspect of my life; it's immense practicality.

**JM:** What is your favorite interest within the subject of the Classics?

**RI:** I love poetry above everything else. More specifically, it's Greek poetry and Greek language that I find most exciting. I get excited about one area and I'll throw myself into studying it and then something else pops up and then I shift. That's the nice thing about Classics; there's so much diversity, so much to study. If you have particularly varied interests, then Classics is good for that.

**JM:** Are you currently working on any projects?

**RI:** I'm writing [a paper] about the relationship between persuasion and aesthetic judgements. I'm interested

in the relationship among persuasion, the beautiful and sublime. That's what I'm investigating in this paper.

**JM:** Do you have any hobbies?

**RI:** I really enjoy reading and I love playing most sports and hiking. I love travelling more than anything. It's times like this that I realize I'm pretty boring. I really don't do anything exciting at all.

**JM:** If you could meet anyone, alive or dead, who would it be?

**RI:** Aristophanes of Byzantium. He's one of three people on earth who had access to an enormous amount of literary, philosophical, mathematical, and scientific work, all of which has been lost. He could probably tell me more than anybody else about all of this knowledge that has been lost. I choose him because it would be like gaining access to an encyclopedia of lost knowledge from antiquity. I'm assuming that he's going to remember things.

**JM:** Rumor has it that you killed a couple of copperheads in your yard this summer. Is that true?

**RI:** It's true. I was extremely upset

to have to kill these snakes, but I have a cat and she was in danger. It's not very likely that a cat is going to survive a bite by a copperhead, so I had to do it.



*Dr. Irons '00 (Photo: hsc.edu)*



## Retired Professor Shares Reflections about College's History in New Book

David Bushhouse '19  
News Editor

In the College Store, tucked in a corner behind the registers, there remain a few items that link our college to the ever receding and distant past: books. Among them, students are able to find Dr. WW Porterfield's new book *Things That Might Have Happened at Hampden-Sydney: or, anyway, with Hampden-Sydney People*. Dr. Porterfield taught Chemistry at the College from 1964 to 2012, retiring with 48 years of teaching under his belt. The book is comprised of nearly 40 brief vignettes, most of them quite funny, all of them witty, that recount some of Hampden-Sydney's most exciting events of the 20th century.

One story, "Water Pressure and What You Can Do With It," details an evening when the residents of the Third Floor of Venable engaged in a water-balloon fight so extensive that the staircase of Stagger Inn became a "cascading waterfall," while another story, "How to Not Be Valedictorian, Which Is Different From How Not to Be Valedictorian, Or The Five-Year Plan," describes how a student attempted to cheat on a Physics final by writing detailed notes on the toilet paper in the bathroom, but was foiled when the rest of his nervous classmates managed to use it all up first and catch him in the act (stalls in Bagby did not have doors at the time).

Most of the stories are of dubious origin, remembered by Porterfield as told from the memory of Professors Tom Gilmer, Maurice Allan, and others (recognize any important names?), but Porterfield acknowledges in his Author's Note that "I can't claim it is a meticulous history. Well it isn't. But it is stories I heard, and you might enjoy them." Porterfield's familiar and

frank writing style makes for light and enjoyable reading, which I would certainly recommend to anyone interested in learning more about the college without diving into John Brinkley's *On This Hill*. Indeed, *Things That Might Have Happened at Hampden-Sydney* is a bit of an anti-*On This Hill*, and an utterly unpretentious, and fun, peek into our campus's folklore and colored past. If you are interested in finding out more about the book, find it in the Campus Store, or just ask Dr. Porterfield; he and a few friends have coffee most mornings in Graham Hall.

### Archie vs. Predator

★★★★☆

If the 1987 cinematic masterpiece *Predator* represents a critique of the "enemy other" in American foreign policy, the yautja or "Predator" has been used to varying effect in subsequent comic series to explore aspects of the human condition. From the battlefields of World War I to the contemporary American prison system, from the streets of Batman's Gotham to the cold corporate machinations of Cyberdine or Weyland-Yutani, the Predator has crossed over to varying body counts. *Archie vs. Predator* brings the ultimate alien hunter to explore the hidden depths of American traditional life. What better comic for this college?

The four-issue series centers around the antics of Archie Andrews

and his friends. Archie, the prototypical Hampden-Sydney man, is generous, well-mannered and always a gentleman — if equally looking for an enjoyable time and attractive company. The settings — beach vacations, burger runs, studying at night in the classrooms — are equally familiar to most Tigers. Here, however, the typical antics of Archie are tinged with a darker edge of sexual tension, jealousy and class conflict than found in the Archie digest comics sold at your local supermarket, representing a critique of "traditional normalcy."

In this light, as the Predator appears and variously eviscerates, decapitates and disembowels the lovable teens of Riverdale, one might read the plasma-casting, tusked menace as representing the forces of change that confront our beloved college. (The ending in particular is notably suggestive in this regard.) Or one could

simply read him as an alien slasher out for a good time as he pulls Sabrina the Teenage Witch's head and spine out of her body. If the comic breaks little new ground, it's true to its premise and delivers exactly what it offers — enjoyable mash-up humor.

Is *Archie vs. Predator* a masterpiece of western culture? It's certainly entertaining, which perhaps invalidates it from inclusion in the academy's canon, alas. Artist Fernando Ruiz captures the traditional artistic conventions of the Archie comics exceptionally well, which is essential in allowing writer Alex de Campi to twist the characters in a new light. Students weeping bitter tears of frustration after yet one more tedious reading assignment should take a look at *Archie vs. Predator* — a gosh-darned sexual Tyrannosaurus of a comic book.

—Dr. James Frusetta



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# Stirewalt Cont.

**MAX DASH:** When was the last time you were back in Farmvegas?

**CHRIS STIREWALT:** It's probably been six or eight years—or maybe it was 2012—but I remember coming down in the evening for a lecture. It's been a while.



*Stirewalt at H-SC for a post-debate conversation (Photo by John Dudley)*

**MD:** What was your initial reaction when you found out the debate would be here?

**CS:** I thought it was great. I was impressed by Longwood being able to step up and pull in something like this. And I certainly thought how I wished it would be at Hampden-Sydney instead. But I thought what a good thing for Farmville this will be.

**MD:** I haven't been able to go into town yet, but I've heard that it's a crazy scene down there.

**CS:** It's been great to see that here in Virginia, the Mother of Presidents, you have that energy and these people. It's fun to pooh-pooh the Vice Presidency. It's fun to pooh-pooh the running mates and that this is not as important. But the reality is this is very important, and I like to see the enthusiasm, I like to see the response. The crowds have been great, and a lot of enthusiastic people are out cheering, so that's really cool.

**MD:** We've been able to hear the reactions from people like Shepard Smith who are experiencing Farmville for the first time. What has this homecoming been like from your perspective?

**CS:** I'm very proud. I'm always proud to have gone to Hampden-Sydney; I'm particularly proud to have gone to Hampden-Sydney this week. It's great to see your school show well, and of course the weather has cooperated spectacularly—it's a gorgeous Southside Virginia autumn—and it just could not be finer.

**MD:** When you were a student at Hampden-Sydney, did you ever imagine that you would be hosting your own major network television show?

**CS:** [Laughing] I would not have imagined, and if I would have imagined, I would have probably screwed up trying to get there. The solution—and this is why I'm a great believer in Hampden-Sydney, and this is why I'm a great believer in the liberal arts education—is to figure out how you see the world, figure out what you are interested in, figure out what excites and enlivens your mind, and then go do it. You will not go wrong by doing the thing that you love, and you will not go wrong by prioritizing a passion over short term financial gains. Do what you love and the money really will follow, and the success really will follow. I am glad that I learned about that at Hampden-Sydney, and I'm glad that I also learned to just keep showing up and the rest will take care of itself.



*Gee, the new "Acting Chief" (hsc.edu)*

## Police Shake-Up Cont.

soon. Stevens adds that Officer Travis was a "great officer" and was happy for Travis to be offered the new opportunity to serve the public. Deputy Chief Gee took some time to comment on

Officer Travis' performance during his time at Hampden-Sydney. "He was an excellent investigator. Outstanding. That was pretty much all self-taught. He learned pretty much everything the hard way." Gee remarked that Officer Travis will be missed as a member of Hampden-Sydney's police force. Looking forward, under the title of "Acting Chief," Deputy Chief Gee says that he makes no promises to the College other than that he will do his best to keep the school safe.

## Debate

day, Monday, and Tuesday as a Field Observer. Her job was to circulate through the crowds of people and keep the peace. She monitored the crowds and helped law enforcement by recording altercations and confrontations as well as keeping an eye on protestors to prevent any violence. She said that everything was peaceful and that there were no altercations or confrontations—everything ran smoothly for the three days.

Hunter explained why she wanted to volunteer for the debate in the first place. "I volunteered," she said, "because I've now lived in Farmville since 2002, so I consider the town 'home,' and I wanted to participate in my own small way in such a large and historic event for our community. Longwood University and centers like the Longwood Center for the

Visual Arts contribute a great deal to the local community, so when the call for volunteers went out, I signed up right away, and I was pleased to be selected for a volunteer assignment."

Although Hunter was unable to watch the debate in the debate hall, she was able to watch on the lawn with most of the crowd. She reported that once the debate started, everyone was silent and sat on the lawn listening to the candidates speak. She did say, however, that at some points in the debate, if the audience liked what the candidates said, they would cheer and applaud, but then fall silent once again. When the debate was over, Hunter said that the crowds lingered and were not in a hurry to rush out of Farmville, however, there were a few people who went the Democratic Viewing hosted in the Stepps Building where they got to meet Vice Presidential candidate Senator Tim Kaine, and current Governor of Virginia, Terry McAuliffe.

Hunter was not able to meet either of the candidates, nor was she

able to see either of them in passing as they were entering and leaving Longwood University. Nevertheless, Ms. Hunter says that she would not change anything about her experience volunteering for the debate, other than maybe shortening the whole event to two days, instead.

Dawley also volunteered to help at the debate and was given the job of security in the media center. He worked debate night in the hall hosting every media outlet. He was able to meet some well-known personalities, such as Reverend Jesse Jackson, Megyn Kelly, and Wolf Blitzer. Dawley was able to watch the debate in the "Spin Room" and said that it was something that he would never forget.

No matter how one plans to vote in this election, there is no disputing that the debate put the town of Farmville, if only briefly, on the map and highlighted the previously little-known role that Prince Edward County has had in shaping our country into what it is today.



*Fox News at Longwood on Debate Day (Photo by Kaitlin Ownes)*





## SPORTS

# Soccer Looks to End Four-Game Skid on Homecoming

Spencer Connell '17  
Sports Editor

Has Hampden Sydney Soccer hit an unavoidable snag? A four game losing streak seems to support that claim. Yes, after beginning the season 5-0, the Tigers have dropped their last four games—all of which have been one and two goal margins—to wind up 5-4 as they approach Homecoming weekend. So what has gone wrong for the team?

First, it is not senior goalkeeper Cameron McFarlane's fault, as he has stood tall in front of the goal for the Tigers. The Norwich, Con-

necticut native has tallied four clean sheets so far this season, and he has made more and more saves as H-SC moves along in the season. In fact, in the most recent game against Washington & Lee from October 1st, McFarlane made 10 saves in the 2-0 loss.

McFarlane is definitely not to blame for the four-game skid, but then again no one should be blamed. The season so far has included some tough opponents and tricky playing conditions. Games in late September were played in unusually warm conditions and the game against W&L took place after the recent week-long rains that placed a gloomy blanket over the region. In fact, the rain drove away a mid-week game against Marymount, the makeup information for that game still has yet to be released. However, there might not be room to fit that

game into the schedule anymore with strictly ODAC games left on the plate.

Since the game against Marymount was rained out, it gave the Tigers an extra day of preparation to face W&L, but that did not seem to benefit the Tigers. The 2-0 loss puts a damper on H-SC's hopes of acquiring a safe spot within the conference when the postseason rolls around, near the end of the month. Nonetheless, this is a good point in the season to assess the team and push forward from here.

A few notable student athletes who have made significant contributions to the team include Cam McFarlane, freshman William Jackson (Birmingham, AL), and junior Ryan Turner (Raleigh, NC). Jackson leads the team with five individual goals so far this season, but he has since cooled off from the hot start at the

beginning of the year. Turner leads the team in assists with three, setting up crucial goals for the Tigers.

With all of that said, the team is not in such a bad shape that the rest of the season will be a bust. The ODAC is full of highly competitive schools and anybody can come away with a victory. It is not time to panic for the Tigers because there is still a large chunk of the season left to play. They will look ahead at the next games as critical matchups in the hunt for a playoff spot. The team will have a two-game homestand beginning this Saturday as they host the Eastern Mennonite University Royals for a 4pm match (subject to change if the hurricane becomes a serious issue). On October 12th they will welcome the Virginia Wesleyan College Marlins for a mid-week primetime showdown at 7pm.

## Remaining Home Games

Sat. October 8  
Eastern Mennonite  
4:00 PM

Wed. October 12  
Virginia Wesleyan  
7:00 PM

Sat. October 22  
Emory and Henry  
4:00 PM

Wed. October 26  
Bridgewater  
7:00 PM

\*Sep. 28th's game vs. Marymount has yet to be rescheduled



## Football Cont.

last ditch comeback attempt. Senior Hunter Wagnon (Virginia Beach, VA) began the scoring by registering a safety, and shortly thereafter, freshman quarterback Clay Vick (Raleigh, NC) registered his first career touchdown pass in the garnet and grey to Costello for his second touchdown reception on the day. With just under a minute to play, Vick was able to punch in a one-yard run to cut the Bridgewater lead to 10, but the clock would run out on this comeback attempt.

Offensive leaders for the day were Cobb, who threw for 223 yards and two touchdowns, while Vick tossed for 146 yards and a touchdown. Johnson led all receivers with 153 yard and a touchdown while Costello scored two touchdowns of his own finishing with 95 yards. Cunningham had 92 yards of total offense via recep-

tions and carries throughout the day, punching in a score of his own. Junior Mike DeMasi (Virginia Beach, VA) led the Tigers' ground attack with 66 yards on 19 carries. Defensively, senior Jamal Woolridge (Chester, VA) led the Tigers with nine tackles. Sophomore Ryan Mallory (Mechanicsville, VA) tallied eight tackles while sophomore Bender Vaught (Ashland, VA) made seven tackles of his own. Sophomore John Kline (New Cumberland, PA) combined for a sack with Vaught and sophomore Sam Brooks (Virginia Beach, VA) notched a solo sack of his own.

While the Tigers may have dropped game one of the ODAC slate, the conference race is still up for grabs. The Hampden-Sydney Tigers will look to get back on track Saturday, October 8th as they return home, like many alumni, for Homecoming. Guilford College will be making the trip north to take on the Tigers and kickoff is slated for 1:00 PM at Lewis C. Everett Stadium.

Senior goalkeeper Cameron McFarlane began the season with four clean sheets in the first five games (Photo: hscathletics.com)

SPORTS



Football Returns Home in Search of First Win

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The Tigers fell to Bridgewater on Saturday October 1st, dropping to 0-4 for the first time in almost 20 years. H-SC made a late push in the 4th quarter, but it proved to be too little too late as the Eagles pulled out a 45-35 victory. While the game was filled with offense, the tally posted by the Eagles would prove to be insurmountable. Both the Tigers and Eagles scored on their first possessions with the Eagles striking first, only to have senior Carter Cunningham (Farmville, VA) answer on a two-yard scamper playing wildcat quarterback. Bridgewater would net 17 more un-

answered points before sophomore Alec Cobb (Jamestown, NC) found junior Cam Johnson (Dillwyn, VA) for four-yard touchdown. Bridgewater then went on to score one more time before the half making the score 31-13 in Bridgewater's favor. Hampden-Sydney would quickly strike first in the second half, senior as Owen Costello (South Riding, VA) reeled in a pass from Cobb for a 12-yard touchdown to kick off the scoring. Bridgewater's offense could not be held in check long, however, as they would extend their lead to 45-20 with two touchdowns in the 3rd quarter. The Tigers would not go down without a fight, as halfway through the 4th quarter they made a

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Junior wide receiver Cam Johnson will be looking to build off of an impressive game against Bridgewater (Photo: hsc.edu)

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